

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

1-5. Cancelled

6. (Currently Amended) A design support system, comprising:

a device for holding process history data indicative of a series of processes;

a device for receiving a command designating a particular process for modification as a modification candidate process from among the series of processes;

a device for specifying a procedure for adjustment that becomes necessary as a result of modification applied to the modification candidate process from among the process history data indicative of the processes prior to execution of the modification; and

a device for creating a series of adjustment procedure images according to the procedures for adjustment specified;

wherein the design support system displays the adjustment procedure images in response to a command before the modification is executed.

7. (Original) A design support system according to claim 6, further comprising a device for displaying a list for the procedure for adjustment specified.

8. (Currently Amended) A design support method comprising the steps of:

managing process history data indicative of a series of processes;
receiving a command designating a particular process for modification as
a modification candidate process from among the series of processes;
specifying a procedure for adjustment that becomes necessary as a result
of modification applied to the modification candidate process from among the process
history data indicative of the processes prior to execution of the modification;
creating a series of adjustment procedure images according to the
procedures for adjustment specified; and
displaying the adjustment procedure images in response to a command
before the modification is executed.

9. (Currently Amended) A design support method employed in a system for
managing process history data indicative of a series of processes, the method
comprising the steps of:

inputting a process to serve as a modification candidate process;
specifying a process subjected to influence of modification applied to the
modification candidate process by specifying a process associated with the process
input from among the series of processes managed by the system indicative of the
processes prior to execution of the modification; and
displaying the process specified as being subjected to the influence before
the modification is executed.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a design support program, the program comprising:

- a module for managing process history data indicative of a series of processes;
- a module for receiving a command designating a particular process for modification as a modification candidate process from among the series of processes indicative of the processes prior to execution of the modification;
- a module for specifying a procedure for adjustment that becomes necessary as a result of modification applied to the modification candidate process; and
- a module for creating a series of adjustment procedure images according to the procedures for adjustment specified;

wherein the program displays the adjustment procedure images in response to a command before the modification is executed.

11. (Currently Amended) A design support system, comprising:

- a device for holding process history data indicative of a series of processes;
- a device for presenting a list including at least a part of the series of processes;
- a device for receiving a process selected from the list as a modification candidate process;
- a device for specifying a procedure for adjustment that becomes necessary as a result of modification applied to the modification candidate process from among the process history data indicative of the processes prior to execution of the modification;

and

a device for creating a series of adjustment procedure images according to the procedures for adjustment specified;

wherein the design support system displays the adjustment procedure images in response to a command before the modification is executed.